

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated June 27, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1 and 3-5 are withdrawn in this application. Claims 15-25 are rejected to by the Examiner. Claim 15 has been amended. Claims 1, 3-5 and 15-25 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,133,967 to Moon (hereinafter "Moon"). Claims 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moon in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,545,730 to Hwang (hereinafter "Hwang").

The rejection of claims 1, 3-5 and 15-25 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 15-25 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "wherein the width of the conductive layer is shorter than the width of the storage capacitor electrode." Moon does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. In order to clarify the meaning of the claim, length has been changed to width, as width typically means the shorter of two dimensions of an object. So the width of the conductive layer and the storage electrode is shown in Fig. 8D of Moon as the dimension extending left and right in the Figure. As can be clearly seen in Fig. 8D, the width of the conducting layer (unlabeled layer between layers 10 and 2 as identified by the examiner) is greater than the width of the storage capacitor electrode 4. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 15-25 are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.


If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37

C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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